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Dear City Council,

I am writing to ask for your support for Bill 24, regarding car sharing. I am a Waikiki resident and I fully support car sharing because I want to see fewer cars on the road. Me, my family and friends all want to use car sharing, but it needs to be convenience and that's why having some car share vehicles parked in easy-to-access parking spots will help make it an efficient system and help free-up parking spots because car share vehicles do not sit in one place very long.

We would prefer to use car sharing instead of owning a car because it is easier, more economical and more flexible than owning a car. I also do not need a car very often, so having access to a car share vehicle is a perfect way to get around and do errands, when I need to. I usually take the bus, walk or bike, but when I need to go grocery shopping or pick up family or friends for an event, I would love to have access to a car sharing vehicle. Car sharing is the perfect complement to my multi-modal lifestyle and if more people had access to car sharing vehicles, if they were easily available throughout urban Honolulu, I believe a large portion of the population would start using car sharing instead of depending on their personal vehicles and having to pay for parking, gas and insurance. Not having to pay for these costs and just using a car when it is needed will help our entire community be less car dependent - leading to a healthier, more sustainable community.

I hope you will join me and my friends and family in Waikiki, Kaimuki, Kaka'ako and Chinatown by supporting car share. We all want an easy and economical way to get around and car sharing is just that - it's a sustainable alternative that encourages use of the multi-modal transportation system.

If you are interested in learning more about car sharing in other cities, Susan Shaheen from Berkeley's Transportation Sustainability Research Center (<http://tsrc.berkeley.edu/SusanShaheen>) is the Innovative Mobility Research Director and an amazing resource and has authored many papers about the benefits to car sharing. I encourage you to talk with her and/or take a look at her studies and you will find that car sharing is a great idea and really helps get people out of their cars - if it is easily available and affordable.

Please support Bill 24.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Waikiki Resident